

Noisy Offerings



Introduction: Noisy offerings is a concept that is very simple. During a moment in worship, a collection is taken up where members are invited to simply give their loose coins towards a specific cause – in this case, for ELCA World Hunger.

Concept: While traditionally aimed as a way to involve children, Noisy Offerings is a way to include everyone. Advertising the days when Noisy Offerings will be taken encourages members to prepare. Children, in particular, are encouraged that they, too, can contribute and are excited to not only help pass the collection plates, but also to place their coins that they have brought or that their parents/grandparents have given them for this offering.

Consider having a particular Sunday each month that is designated as Noisy Offering Sunday. Consider designating Noisy Offerings toward a single cause for an entire year, such as ELCA World Hunger.

Consider introducing matching grants from your congregation endowment fund.

Consider building a special collection bin for the noisy offering, and inviting members to come forward to place their offerings in this special collection bin.

Examples of special collection bins are: the world's biggest piggy bank, a large sculpted or wood crafted pig with a slot for money to go in, and a door to retrieve the money; a wood crafted and easily transported barn, with a slot in the top and again, a latched door for easy access to retrieve the money. (See pictures below for inspiration.)

Consider, as the noisy offerings are collected, post the items from the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog that you are able to purchase with those offerings. Set a challenge to receive funds to purchase a certain item.



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